



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Guidance for**

**Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families**

**Program(Office of Management and Budget #0970-0157)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Family Assistance; Administration for Children and Families; Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the form ACF-123: Guidance for the Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families(TANF) Program (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970-0157, expiration date: August 31, 2023). There are minor clarifying changes requested to the guidance.

**DATES:** *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by emailing [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* 42 U.S.C. 612 (section 412 of the Social Security Act) requires each Indian tribe that elects to administer and operate a TANF program to submit a TANF Tribal Plan. This request includes the renewal of the guidance for completing the initial Tribal TANF Plan. The TANF Tribal Plan is a mandatory statement submitted to the Secretary of United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by the Indian tribe, which consists of an outline of how the Indian tribe's TANF program will be administered and operated. It is used by the Secretary to determine whether the plan is approvable and to determine that the Indian tribe is eligible to receive a TANF assistance grant. It is also made available to the public. The renewal includes minor edits, such as updating hyperlinks and correcting typographical errors. Additionally, the list of requirements has been reformatted so that it is easier to read and use.

*Respondents:* Indian tribes applying to operate a TANF program and to renew their Tribal Family Assistance Plan.

*Annual Burden Estimates*

Instrument	Total Number of Respondents	Total Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Total Burden Hours	Annual Burden Hours
Guidance For The TANF Program	75	1	68	5,100	1700

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

1700

*Comments:* The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 612

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